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Applicant: Lex P. Jansen et al. Confirmation No.: 6058  
Serial No.: 10/079,103 Examiner: L. Thanh  
Filing Date: February 19, 2002 Group Art Unit: 3763  
Docket No.: 1001.1682102 Customer No.: 28075  
For: CATHETER WITH COMPOSITE STIFFENER

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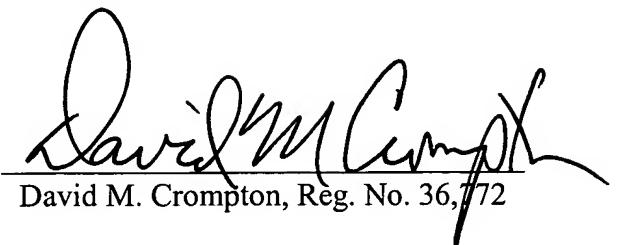
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 13, 2005, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on October 13, 2005. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.